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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF
THE PACIFIC AT LICK OBSERVATORY, MOUNT HAMILTON,
ON AUGUST 25, 1917.

The meeting of the Society on this occasion took the form of an excursion to the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton. About twenty members and their friends availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the observatory where they were most hospitably received by Director and Mrs. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. Aitken and the other members of the observatory staff. A picnic luncheon was partaken by the party on the porch of the Director's house just as the Sun was going down, after which every one had an opportunity to see the Moon thru the 36-inch telescope. The Moon being in its first quarter, was in excellent position for observation.

Later in the evening other objects of interest were shown and visitors were conducted over every part of the great institution.

Among the interested members present was Mr. Adolfo Stahl, whose recent generosity to the Society made possible the course of lectures on Astronomy last winter in San Francisco.

The following members and friends were also of the party:

Mr. J. Costa, Mr. Frank V. Cornish, Mr. C. F. de Landero, Mr. P. de Landero, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kemling, Mrs. Isaac Roberts, Miss Julia Kempke, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hutchinson, Mr. Bernard Benfield, Miss Benfield, Mrs. John Gago, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Babcock.

The party returned to San Jose at midnight.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC
HELD AT THE LICK OBSERVATORY ON THE
EVENING OF AUGUST 25, 1917.

The meeting was called to order by President Cornish. The minutes of the special meeting of May 29, 1917, were read by the Secretary and approved.

Reports of committees being called for, the following communication from the committee on library and binding was read by the Secretary and approved:

San Francisco, Cal., August 23, 1917.

To the Board of Directors of the
Astronomical Society of the Pacific,
Gentlemen:

The undersigned, President and Secretary of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, beg to report that in the exercise of the authority conferred upon them by resolution of your Board at the Special meeting of May 29th, 1917, they have entered into a written agreement with the Sutro Branch of the California State Library, whereby the said Library has taken over the books and unbound papers of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific and assumed the care and custody of same, subject to conditions already considered by your Board.

The books and papers were turned over to the Sutro Branch of the State Library during the month of June, 1917, and are now in process of arranging and cataloging. Within thirty days from this date it is believed that they will be properly shelved and fully cataloged, ready for use by members of the Society.

In further exercise of the authority given to the undersigned by your Board at the meeting of May 29th, we beg to report that we have caused 111 volumes of our loose papers and publications to be bound at a cost of \$126.70 and that these have been added to our library of bound books. Steps have also been taken to complete the files of many of our loose exchanges with a view to future binding.

For your information we beg to state that new stacks have been provided by the State Library for the accommodation of our books and that same have been advantageously located in the large front room of the Library Quarters at the corner of Sacramento and Webster streets, San Francisco, where they will be easy of access and make a creditable exhibit.

Arrangements have been made to secure a photographic copy of the card index now being prepared by expert librarians of the State Library, and, when ready, this index will be kept on file in the rooms of our Society at 128 Lick Building, San Francisco.

Yours respectfully,

FRANK V. CORNISH, *President*,
D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.

The committee appointed to secure a room for the Society reported as follows:

San Francisco, Cal., August 23, 1917.

To the Board of Directors of the
Astronomical Society of the Pacific,
Gentlemen:

In exercise of the authority conferred upon us by resolution of your Board at the special meeting of May 29th last, we beg to report that we have rented a room in the Lick Building, at 35 Montgomery street, San Francisco, for the headquarters of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. The number of the room is 128 and we have agreed to pay for it the sum of \$10 per month. Our occupancy commenced from July 1st, 1917, on which date we vacated the former quarters of the Society in the Phelan Building.

Yours respectfully,

J. COSTA,
CHARLES S. CUSHING,
D. S. RICHARDSON,

Committee.

The report was received and approved.

The following new members were elected:

To Life Membership:

Mr. W. A. CLARK JR., of Los Angeles.

To Active Membership:

DR. WALTER S. ADAMS, of Pasadena, Cal.

MR. FRED M. SICKLER, of Shungnak, Alaska.

MR. E. C. GRAY, of North Jay, Maine.

MR. J. G. TRAGGARDH, of San Diego, Cal.

MR. R. S. McDONALD, of San Francisco, Cal.

MR. RICHARD E. SCHMIDT, of Chicago, Ill.

To Student Membership:

MR. M. YAMASAKI, of Berkeley, Cal.

To Institutional Membership:

The Library of Mt. Holyoke College.

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

Mount Hamilton, August 8, 1917.

President and Board of Directors

Astronomical Society of the Pacific,
128 Lick Building, San Francisco,

Gentlemen:

Mr. Allen H. Babcock has suggested that during the time the United States is at war it might be well to consider suspension of awarding the Bruce Medal. It seems to us that this would be good policy: there is difficulty in communicating with the nominating director residing in an enemy country; and, further, a highly merited award might undermine confidence in the Bruce Medal award in the minds of astronomers in enemy countries. We recommend that the Board of Directors give consideration to the subject.

Yours respectfully,

W. W. CAMPBELL,
HEBER D. CURTIS,
ROBERT G. AITKEN.

After discussion by the Board and consideration of the manner of the Bruce Award, coupled with the unhappy international conditions now prevailing in the world, the following resolution was presented by Dr. Campbell and unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That, on account of existing international conditions, the Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific deem it advisable that no award of the Bruce Medal be made for the year 1917.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain in writing the consent of absent Directors to the foregoing resolution and, in the absence of objections, to call for no nominations for the current year.

There was some informal discussion as to the practicability and the desirability of organizing an expedition, under the auspices of the Society, to view the total eclipse of the Sun in June, 1918. The President was authorized to appoint a committee to provisionally consider the matter and report at the next meeting of the Board. The President announced that he would appoint the committee later. Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.